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Dr. Robert F. Thorne
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
1500 North College Ave.
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Thorne:

What with vacations, etc. the poor queries have been snowed under. Some of these have been around for quite awhile. Hope they aren't too far gone by the time you receive them.

No. 1: From Saratoga, Santa Clara Co. - "Am enclosing leaves of a plant 3 ft. high. The top 12 inches have changed to this bright color. The lower leaves remaining stay the bronze color. They come up with the small black seed formed at the base of the leaf next to the 1 large stalk with nothing but leaves on one rather large plant. Please identify."

Amaranthus caudatus F. fro-bis - Bleeding Tassel Flower

No. 2: From Fresno - "Would appreciate being informed the name of the enclosed plant and what it is good for, if anything."

2 lbs.

Holocarpha heermannii (Green) Keck Tarweed

No. 3: From Tulare - "Will you tell me what kind of seed this is, and if it is a pasture seed or water grass?"

Leptochloa uninervia

No. 4: From Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo Co. - "Enclosed is foliage from shrubs and trees growing in this area. The red berry is more a tree than a bush. Would like to know what they are and if poisonous."

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4. Rhamnus California
5. Prunus ilicifolia

Nos. 6 & 7: "Enclosed are two samples of grass growing in the same area of my ranch in Isleton, Sacramento Co. One is readily recognizable as Johnson grass, however the other is unknown to me. You will notice the structure, blade and ligule are much the same, also their growing habits are identical. Since the only obvious difference is the seed head structure, my question is, what is the unknown weed and is it possible that it is a variety of Johnson grass that may have crossed with another grass? The beard on the unknown grass is particularly puzzling."

Thanks again for any help you can give.

6. Echinochloa crusgalli
7. Sorghum halepense

Sincerely,

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